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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 7 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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PCT/DE2003/002578

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-4, 8-14, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 1-8, filed with the letter of 19 August 2004 (19.08.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1/2-2/2, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Prior Art / Disadvantages

The invention relates to a method for providing resources in a communications network. A method for locating and using resources in computer networks is known from document EP-A-0 964 334 in which search programs are sent which can be run on computers and which search for properties that are prerequisite for running particular software. If the computer meets said prerequisites, then the software is transferred to the computer, and thus the computer henceforth includes the resource provided by the software.

The disadvantage of the above method is that resources are distributed equally, regardless of their actual use in the network. Moreover, said method is carried out "offline" and must therefore be repeated at regular intervals in order to distribute new software or new versions, which can put a significant strain on the network.

2. Problem

The problem addressed by the present invention is thus that of optimizing a method for providing resources such that it can be carried out while the network is

running and such that the resources are provided according to their actual use in the network.

3. Solution / Advantages

The above problem is solved in that, while a resource is being used, a first communications component is examined by a second communications component as to whether this second communications component can itself also provide said resource. If the result of the examination is positive, then the transfer of software to the second communications component is initiated by the first communications component and the resource is provided there. In this way, the required resources are automatically distributed in the network while the network is running. Frequently used resources are thus frequently copied and proliferated in the network. Free capacity in the network is therefore automatically detected and utilized.

4. Conclusions

The subject matter of claim 1 thus satisfies the PCT requirements with respect to novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)). Claims 2 to 8 are dependent upon claim 1 and are thus likewise novel and inventive. The subject matter of claims 1 to 8 is clearly also industrially applicable (PCT Article 33(4)).